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LOVE AND MEMORY.

Love laid his happy head
Upon a rose-leaf bed;
But one by one the blossoms fell away
And left their thorns instead.
No sad word Love hath said,
Nor from that spot hath fled;
He bides with memories of a sweet June day
Though now the roots are dead.

Yes, Love had found a mate;
And they kept glorious state;
But one heart grew at last cold as a stone
And lett Love to his fate.
Still doth he stand and wait,
Tender and without hate;
Dreaming the past in silence and alone,
Where all is desolate.

WILLIAM FRANCIS BARNARD.

Hammer Sparks.

The slave loves not liberty.

A fool makes a lie of the truth.

A Chief Justice may be a chief injustice.

How lawless is the administration of the law!

Has Spain a new king, or has a new king Spain?

Andrew Carnegie is still giving other people's money away.

Ripper legislation is the real thing; other kinds are imitations.

A slanderer is much like a skunk; but comparisons are odorous.

There is no place like Home, (Wash.) if you wish to see tyranny.

The State is prosecuting Anarchists in New York; it is persecuting the people everywhere.

The law may not be outraged with impunity, but Mrs. Craddock may be outraged by the law with impunity.

The coal miners are striking, and they number 145,000. Now if their blows could only fall in the right places!

The Meat Trust is shaking in its shoes, (with laughter) while the courts bluster and threaten. The tariff on meat "will stay put."

In the present condition of things there is a chance for everyone who cares neither for truth nor the rights of his fellow beings.

Most has gone to jail; but Rockefeller, though his god has lately snatched him bald-headed, still goes to church and is telerated there.

Mark Hanna is going about settling strikes for workmen. When will the people remember the record of this man and proceed to settle Mark Hanna?

Love has no rights which the law is bound to respect, but it manages now and then to get its own in spite of the law, by promising one thing and performing another.

The rush of the clergy to the rostrum in a frantic effort to explain the earthquakes and volcanic eruptions in terms of God's love is a spectacle. Don't worry, Gentlemen; you will not lose your jobs, yet.

The coronation of King Edward is soon to take place, and charity will be lavishly doled out for the occasion. Isn't it nice that the dogs get the bones and the rejected crusts from the master's table?

It is natural that some men should be so ashamed of taxes that they seek to reduce all taxes to one. The Single Tax; but one tax or many, it is just robbery after all. Wealth is from work: the people pay all the taxes.

Free silver is like free soup, a charitable palliative at best, a pernicious delusion at worst. Freedom crowns neither silver nor gold, nor both; in liberty all that is real wealth is money. A legal tender is a legal crime, fostering monopoly.

How can the Robpublic of the United States of America have the face to accept a statue of the Frenchman, Rochambeau, and unveil it in Washington? Did not Rochambeau help us in our Revolution? And are we not now exchanging smiles and compliments with the British Government?

Gen. Funston is being handled rather severely just now; but really he has rendered a signal service to the cause of humanity by proving true to the character of a soldier. Why talk of tempering murder with consideration? "War is hell," and soldiers in consequence, are or should be devils.

Cuba is "free" for the time being. Ring all the bells, load and fire the cannon, make congratulatory addresses; get the people enthused; tell them to hurrah and shout "we have kept our pledge." Let the celebration begin early and last long; perhaps the noise will drown that other disturbing sound, the cry of agony from the Philippines.

The President is shocked by the atrocities in the Philippines, but it took him along time to realize that he was shocked. Gen. Miles was suppressed in the endeavor to shock him. Torture is a matter of course it seems in the far east, and Americans, free-born Americans, easily become adepts in its administration. Are we really as low as Spaniards? Well!

The difference between a Democratic State and a Republican State is this, mainly, the Democratic State promises what it does not perform, while the Republican State performs what it does not promise. The people who divert themselves amidst their degradation with balloting find always that their defense sgainst the rapacity of their masters is only a paper one. A ballot is an opinion, not a power.

IRONICUS.

The Hopelessly Fallen.

I generally like what Kate Austin says and always admire the spirited way she says it; but I feel moved to write a word of disagreement with her and others concerning this attitude towards "fallen women." I do not know just what class of persons are included in that category; but from K. A.'s general blunt, straightforward, non-equivocating nature, and her strong determination to apply her faith under all circumstances, I suppose she means all, beginning with the young girl who has once deviated from the rigid line of conventional morality, and been found out, to the inmates of the vilest brothel.

Now I can but think that had she lived in a city, where she must inevitably sooner or later, have seen prostitutes at their trade, that she would be compelled to admit either that their native morality was of such a low type that they never could fall, or that they had certainly fallen.

A week ago, at the corner of two busy streets not far from where I write, a woman in a most shocking state of intoxication her face bleeding from a fisticuss fight with other inmates of the house, with no clothing but a long draggled torn chemise, rushed into the street, and commenced shouting abuse at everything and everybody; a policeman arrested her; he was as decent about it as the case allowed, did no clubbing, used no bad language; the crowd that always collects at such a scene gathered rapidly; at the patrol box, the woman jeered and mocked the policeman, and finally taking in her fingers the mass of corrupt matter, blood, etc., streaming from her nostrils smeared it on the policeman's back. "- you," he growled "stop that!" She laughed with the satisfaction of one who has done something "smart," and winked at the crowd. When the patrol wagon came she got in lightly and gaily as her drunken reel permitted, and calling to the crowd: "Ta-ta: see you again," was driven away.

Now what is the use of pretending to yourself that such a creature has not fallen? And she is the very ordinary type of the prostitute. In her infinite degradation, she has one compensation: she does not care. She is light-hearted about it. In her sober state, she cats her dinner, and if in company with one of her kind discusses "the points" of her latest male acquisition. I have heard one say to another: "She can't have that old man -that old man's mine." If she is alone, she manages by every species of vulgar ribaldry to draw attention to herself. If she gets herself put out, perhaps arrested, so much the better. She has no sense of shame at being frowned or stared at; she feels complimented by it; she has advertised herself. If she finds a young man easy with his money and soft-hearted she devises melting stories, which an hour later in company with some old bald-headed customer she laughs at; or she drugs him and steals his watch.

If Carrie Nation comes to pray, they all kneel down and shed tears and are pious beyond conception; when she has gone they imitate her and get especially drunk to celebrate the event. You can no more talk reform to such women than to the psying stones. You cannot talk anything to them. They understand nothing but how to get a drink and how to "make something." To do something outrageous, shocking, attention-drawing—that is their trade. The foulness of their language is simply the index of their thoughts, if what goes through their brain can be called thoughts! It matters not how they came to be so, if you are going to do anything with them at all you must begin by understanding that they are so; that they are fallen to an almost unfathomable gulf of degradation.

It is useless to fly out with, "the respectable married prostitute is just as bad." Whether she is or not, is not to the point; it cures nothing; it does not alter this case. And my own personal belief, from much witnessing and much reflecting, is that for women who have become confirmed prostitutes there is no help. They do not want to be helped. They do not admire your society. They do not like your company. They do not want you. They like drinking, gambling, eating, and wallowing. They was a little older than themselves, hideour datased, beggars by hear these old hags proclaim-

ing themselves cheap at the corner of the saloon, and boasting how high-priced they were once. But not one of them all but imagines she is gifted with a cuming to outwit that fate; and they reason no further.

For the young woman who has made the mistake of deviating from her own rule of right-doing, the remedy is to give her a better rule if her mind is capable of receiving it-a knowledge of sexual physiology and its demands; if not, then let her stick fast to her religion and its promise of forgiveness to the transgressor. For the beginner in the bargain and sale business, even, it may be that much might be done, if she has any real character, firmness, decision. But for these others it seems to me, that nature having mercifully administered the antidote of utter moral paralysis and rot in return for their physical degradation, the most sensible thing is to let them alone. You will not make a drunken man sober by telling him that he is; you will not make the prostitute self-respecting by talking to her as if she were Leo Tolstoi. Let them both alone; that is what they want of you. And spend your efforts where they will be of some possible avail. Undoubtedly these poor wretches are the victims of economic conditions, of sexual superstitions, of religious lies, of bad heredity. While these institutions flourish, for every one you try to save, a bundred new ones will be made. Go your way and try rather to give light to the young, and let those others alone to die upon the wheel whose revolutions hurt you far more to look upon than them who are bound upon it. The are fallen; they are felled; snapped off from all moral life at the root. Such is our society. Smile.

VOLTAIRINE DE CLEYRE.

Ruminations.

The petty persecutions of which Home has been the victim have in no wise dampened the spirits of the members of the community. Through all difficulties and disappointments, there is a steady and healthful growth. We are gaining experience, and learning our lessons. It will be several weeks before we are likely to have any definite information from Washington, as to the prospect of regaining our postoffice at an early date, and matters must, in the meantime, remain in statu quo. All necessary steps are being taken, as promptly as possible.

As a general rule, I like as little formality as possible in connection with associative effort. But in the tremendous conflict for free speech, the time has come to close ranks as firmly as possible. We are not dealing with the propaganda of extreme radicalism, which can, at best, reach but a limited number of people. The Free Speech League, if accorded the proper support, will be the most important movement of recent years. Every one of us can work energetically for it, even among these who will not so much as listen to our more extreme views. Imperial. ism has gone a step too far; and there are thousands who are more than ready to unite in resisting its encroachments. Maddenism has opened the eyes of an immense number of people, who were blind to the dangers of Comstockism. The time is ripe for appealing, not merely to the few radicals, but to t e great American public. If there is yet virtue in the people, it will respond to the plea for free speech, when the hideousness of the imperialist conspiracy is brought fully home. I believe that such an organization as the Free Speech League, once fairly under wav, and pushed with vigor, will attract so large a mem. bership as to admit of arousing the honest sentiment of every town and hamlet in the land. When free speech is denied, even the conservative can never feel himself wholly safe. Nobody can find an excuse for indifference on such a subject. The issue can be fairly forced; and we shall see how many "statesmen" will dare to face an aroused and fairly enlightened constituency with an unblushing avowal of a desire to destroy the freedom of the press and of the mails. The widest publicity is to be sought, and the broadest platform adopted. Whatever form the organization takes, this is no time for quibbling. United action is called for; and any honorable means of reaching the people is to be adopted.

The Press Writers' Association is a most valuable auxiliary in this whole fight for free speech, and reaches a large section of the public. Remembering this, it is easy to forgive the little weakness with which friend Livesey persists in assuming infalli bility, and in pooh-poohing all methods but his own. We can appreciate his splendid work for the common cause, without necessarily accepting all his advice. No man can be expected to be entirely free from foibles.

James F. Morton, Jr.

Special Offer.

GOOD UNTIL JUNE FIFTEENTH.

In order to extend Lucifer's work in general, and to help tide over the annual dull season in particular, we make for the next thirty days, the following unusual offers to old as well as new subscribers. To old subscribers credit will be given for one year from the date to which they are now paid—whether now paid ahead or in arrears.

1. For \$2.30 we will send Lucifer one year and the large Family Medical Work entitled "A Physician in the House," by Dr. J. H. Greer of Chicago. 800 pages; 16 colored plates. With Lucifer, \$2.30.

2. For \$2 we will send Lucifer one year and any one of the bound volumes of Lucifer now on hand, namely, for the year 1899, 1900 and 1901. These volumes are substantially bound in cloth, usual price \$1.50 with 25 cents additional for postage.

3. For one dollar we will send Lucifer one year and one copy of "Marriage in Free Society," by Edward Carpenter, price, 25 cents.

4. Før \$1 we will send Lucifer one year and one copy of "The Abolition of Marriage" by John Beverly Robinson, also other excellent essays including Isabel's Intention, by Mariette; The Sexes and Love in Freedom, by Oscar Rotter; Reminiscences of Berlin Heights, by A. Warren—price of all 25 cents.

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6. The Rights of Children, by R. B. Kerr; including also What are Women Here For, by Dr. E. B. Foote, Jr.; The New Martyrdom, by Lillian Harman, and The Will, from the French of Guy de Manpassant—price 25 cents. With Lucifer one year \$1

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Announcement.

The numerous co-operative enterprises which have failed on account of their isolation, have taught us that in view of the immensity of such undertakings all our forces have to be united, and so far all the co-operators to whom we have submitted our proposition have agreed upon it. The adhesions from this city and from the country are already sufficient to start this new enterprise but it is best to give it publicity before we begin, and invite all comrades to join us.

Our plan is very simple; all dealers belonging to this society will agree to work for a salary and give the net profits to their customers, of whom they will keep a list, for what they do or have and forward those lists to the headquarters where members will be classified and organized for co-operative production. A convention will be held at the beginning of each season to nominate the officers and discuss all vital questions such as remuneration, hours of labor, prices of goods, etc., to be submitted for adoption to all adults of the Federation.

Our first meeting will be held at the Chicago Commons, Grand Ave. & Morgan St, June 2, at 8 o'clock P. M. for the purpose of electing our temporary officers and committee, and we invite all co-operators to call and help us to make this enterprise a success.

CHARLES LEVY, 233 Milwaukee Ave. G. W. Hughes, 30 Ogden Ave., Chicago, Ill.

Publications, Periodic and Otherwise.

Leo Tolstoi has performed a great service to the race in writing "The Slavery of Our Times." We shall print selections from it from time to time.

James F. Morton, Jr., is collecting material on Comstockism with the intention of preparing a book on the subject. He would like to communicate with persons possessing information which might be useful to him. His address is Home, Wash.

About two decades ago a little pamphlet written by H. W. Boozer was quite popular with the readers of radical literature. It was entitled "An Open Letter: Stubborn Facts Concerning the Sexual Relations." For ten years or more it has been "out of print." Recently Mr. Boozer moved from the house which has been his home for many years, and in moving found a few of these pamphlets and has sent them to us for sale. The price is 15 cents each, and we shall be glad to fill orders as long as the supply lasts.

One of the most welcome of our regular visitors is "The Socialist Spirit," published monthly at 313 Ashland Block, Chicago, by Franklin H. Wentworth. Possibly "Social Justice" would class it as food for giraffes—I do not know as to that—but it is full of well-written, interesting articles, clear-cut and earnest, and one of its best traits is its freedom from the bickering, fault-finding spirit. Its writers appear to feel that they have "the Truth," but that thought does not make them ready to condemn every one who is not ready to agree with them and share their good fortune.

Etta Semple, who suspended the publication of her paper, the "Freethought Ideal," about the first of the year, has revived it under the title of "The New Thought Ideal," and now publishes it at her new home, Excelsior Springs, Mo. In her issue of May 26 she says that though a "born fighter" she has left that plane and for the future will be content to "let the others do the fighting." Personally, I am glad to know that she has arrived at this conclusion. Her disposition to "fight to a finish" always seemed to me a flaw in the character of this great-hearted, generous woman.

A very much alive little magazine is "Social Justice," published by F. G. Strickland and May M. Strickland at Yellow Springs, Ohio. It wants to convert the great common people to Socialism, and here is what it has to say of its methods:

"Some of the people that we want to convert to Socialism are giraffes and some are donkeys. The only way you can feed the giraffe is to give him some cut feed up in the hay-mow. To feed the donkey just throw some hay on the barn floor. Now we have a lot of Socialist publications intended for giraffes. They are placing the right kind of diet at the proper altitude, and the giraffes are doing very well. But 'Social Justice' and a few others are set for the feeding of donkeys. There is one excuse for our existence—there are so many more donkeys than giraffes in the human family."

If you want to know more of "Social Justice," send for a sample copy.

L. H.

Defense Fund.

For Lois Waisbrooker and Mattie D. Penhallow, Home, Wash. Amount previously reported, \$73.78. J. L. A., Alaska, \$5; Priends, Alaska, \$5; C. R., Calif., \$5; Group Freiheit, Pa., \$5; Dr. G. P., Calif., \$3; Mrs. L., Wash., \$2; J. T. N., N. Y., \$1; Miss B. A., N. Y., \$1; E. G. B., N. Y., \$1; S. D. W., Mass., \$1; T. W. C., Mass., 50 cents; W. M., Wash., 50 cents; H. D. M., 50 cents. Total received to May 20, \$105.28

OLIVER A. VERITY, Treas., Home, Washington.

Whereas it has long been known and declared the poor have no right to the property of the rich, I wish it to be known and declared that the rich have no right to the property of the poo—John Ruskin.

Cucifer, the Cightbearer

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Lucifer-Its Meaning and Purpose.

LUCIFEE.—The planet Venus; so called from its brightness.—Webster's Dictionary.

LUCIFEROUS-Giving Light; affording light or the means of discovery.—Same.

LUCIFIC—Producing Light.—Same.
LUCIFORM—Having the form of Light.—Same.

The name Lucifer means Light-Bringing or Light-Bearing, and the paper that has adopted this name stands for Light against Darkness—for Reason against Superstition—for Science against Tradition—for Investigation and Enlightenment against Credulity and Ignorance—for Liberty against Slavery—for ustice against Privilege.

Near-Sighted Reform.

"The Woman's Journal," Boston—founded by Lucy Stone, one of the pioneers in the work of woman's emancipation from her ages-old bondage to man's rule in the home as well as in all other departments of associative life—"The Woman's Journal" gives as its leading editorial, May 24, an article headed "Woman Suffrage Means Peace."

In this article, as a striking illustration of the horrors of war, the editor reproduces a statement from Prof. N. B. Shaler's book on "Nature and Man in America," telling us that the "first Kentucky Confederate Brigade" went into the Civil War, in 1861, 5000 strong, and that at the close of the war, though "less than ten men had deserted, out of five thousand men in the prime of life in 1861, within four years only 240 survived."

Commenting on this terrible mortality—a rate of mortality that had many parallels on both sides of this greatest of modern civil conflicts—the editor says:

One great underlying cause of war is that our political system excludes women. A political society of men alone never did and never will maintain permanent peace, simply because masculine human nature is unduly belligerent, unless tempered by the amenity of feminine companionship. "Every class that votes makes itself felt in the government," So long as women remain disfranchised, the mother element is lacking in the conduct of public affairs. This fact is, to my mind, one of the most powerful of all reasons for woman suffrage.

Mr. Blackwell says many excellent things in this and other editorials in the old, able and much respected "Woman's.Journal," but is it true, as implied in this quoted paragraph, that no class can make itself felt in the government except the "class that votes?"

And is Brother Blackwell quite sure that equal suffrage for women would abolish war?

Having lived in the southern states most of my life, including the war period and "reconstruction" period, I can testify that the women were quite as much in favor of war as the men, and that they were more bitterly opposed to peace on the basis of freedom for the negroes than were the men.

More than this: I believe a careful examination of the facts would show that almost every soldier in that famous "first Kentucky Brigade" was prompted to enlist by a woman!—was prompted, encouraged, inspired by some woman—mother, sister, wife or sweetheart, to go to war, to endure bravely all the hardships and horrors incident to

war—to fight to the death in defense of southern independence and to perpetuate the right of the white race to enslave the African. And today, if left to the suffrage of the white women of the south I verily believe that the negroes would be deprived of such citizen rights as they now possess, and the old regime of chattel slavery—or something very nearly akin to it—would be re-established.

What, let me ask, did the women of Colorado do with the ballot, when through the efforts of Populists they were given the right to vote? Did they not celebrate their political emancipation and show their gratitude to their deliverers by putting the reins of government again into the hands of the Republicans? into the hands of the party of aristocratic privilege? The party of high tariffs, of monopolistic trusts and of gold-standard currency? The party of imperialism, of wars of conquest and of wholesale robbery and murder—as illustrated in the policy of the present Republican administration in the Philippines?

The editor of "Woman's Journal" is not alone in thinking that "equal suffrage" for both sexes would cure many if not most of the political, social and economic ills that now afflict the masses of people in this and other countries. Elbert Hubbard, one of the clearest, most logical and most courageous of the reform writers of today, in his little monthly magazine, "The Philistine" for May, in a most powerfully written arraignment of "child labor" in the southern cotton mills, tells us that "if women could vote in South Carolina they will wipe child labor out with a sweep."

In the light of all past experience I again ask, Is Brother Hubbard sure of this?

While I should be glad to see the experiment tried I have little faith in this or any other political device.

To make the ballot effective as a weapon to secure equal rights, equal privilege, equal freedom and justice, it requires, as necessary conditions, equal intelligence; equal financial and social position; involving and including equal leisure to devote to the work of psychologizing or hypnotizing one's neighbors, to say nothing of equal honesty and benevolence!

These very necessary conditions have never yet been present in any political campaign and, in the nature of things, they never can be present.

To my thinking the most important, most basic or underlying of all the reforms that ever can result in an approximation, even, to the conditions under which the ballot could be relied on to bring equal freedom and justice to all, is the reform that will practicalize the

RIGHT TO BE BORN WELL,

which right can only be practicalized through free, intelligent and consciously responsible motherhood!

Once, and once only, did Bro. Hubbard, in his eighteen page article, allude to the enslavement of womanhood and motherhood in the reproductive realm—when he said, "But alas! in South Carolina a woman does not own her own body."

The first question that suggests itself right here, is, Does woman own her own body in North Carolina?

Does she own her body, that is, is she free to choose her time, her conditions and her helpers in the work of reproduction, in any state of the American Union? or anywhere else on the so-called civilized globe?

While I would by no means say a word in depreciation

of the work that is now being done by our Anarchistic and Socialistic contemporaries, it does seem to me very strange that they all, or nearly all, fight so shy of this most important of all reforms; that they say so little of this basic slavery, this prolific mother of all other slaveries—the enslavement of woman in the realm of motherhood, the realm of reproduction of new human beings to take the place of the tyrants and slaves that now make and perpetuate our political, economic and social institutions.

As I see it, nothing short of the freedom of motherhood, nothing short of the complete emancipation of the mothers of the race from the superstitions that now surround the subject of sex—involving the control of the creative functions of motherhood, will ever destroy the evils that now inhere in all governmental systems, whether called democratic, republican, aristocratic, monarchic, imperialistic or what not.

At this precise hour in the so-called "year of grace," 1902, tremendous efforts are being put forth to prevent agitation of questions that lead to freedom of motherhood. Censorship of press and mails is one means relied on to keep down this agitation, and the movement by churchmen and politicians everywhere to secure "uniformity" of divorce laws, and thereby make it harder for women to escape from unwelcome marital bonds, is another.

The outlook for the future is by no means what an optimist would desire, and yet there are signs of waking up in many quarters. More books and pamphlets are being written and circulated, treating upon the primal right to be born well, than ever before. One of the most recent of these is entitled, "Right Generation, The Key to Kingdom of Heaven upon Earth," by Dr. M. E. Conger of this city.

Dr. Conger's solution of the problem of cure for the evils against which religion, law and economic reforms are now so vainly battling is, "Cease the propagation of barbarians and end wars, crime and debauchery." The following paragraphs give the reader some idea of this well-known writer's method of treating the subject of Right Generation:

First, to be born healthy and happy, to grow and unfold to maturity without sin or sickness, would certainly be a desirable change; it is possible, it is the demand of the hour. This may be labeled result number one.

Second, to be born free from sin and sickness is exactly in harmony with the aspirations and inspirations of honest independent people,—the unselfish thinkers—the agitators of this age for equality and brotherhood.

Right generation signifies only obeying, conforming to the natural laws of life as expressed by the animal kingdom. Everywhere in nature except in the human animal, the female decides the question of multiplying and replenishing the earth; there are no bastards, no child born with a brand upon its forehead in nature's kingdom; no unwelcome additions, and seldom, very seldom are there any miscarriages, dwarfs, or deformities, in nature's creative methods. If we had sufficient imagination to reach the results of honest, just, right living for one generation, the question of the proposed change would be settled at once and forever.

This small but very comprehensive book deserves a wide circulation. It is printed on superior paper and well bound, price not given, but presumably it is seventy-five cents. Address the Educator Pub. Co., 1027 Monroe St., Chicago, or this office,

M. HARMAN.

"A man who cannot be acquainted with me, taxes me, ordains that part of my labor shall go to this or that whimsical end; not as I, but as he happens to favey. Behold the consequences! Of all debts, men are least willing to pay the taxes. What a satire is that on government. Every actual State is corrupt. . . . Good men must not obey the laws too well."—Emerson.

Personal and Impersonal.

There are two kinds of journalism, the personal and the impersonal. Each has its advantages or merits. In the personal kind the name of each writer is given, or known, including that of the editor or editors. Each is responsible, morally or intellectually, for his or her opinions, statements and arguments, and for those of none other.

Impersonal journalism sinks the personality, the individuality, of the editor or editors and instead magnifies that of the paper or journal itself. Editorials are unsigned. It is not the editors who speak but the journal. "The Tribune' says"—so and so. "The Times' congratulates itself on its record"—in regard to such and such matters of public interest.

Whether there is greater opportunity for the display of arrogance, dogmatism, and of offensive egotism under personal than under impersonal journalism may be a matter of opinion. Speaking for myself alone I decidedly prefer the plan of holding each writer responsible for her or his utterances and for none else. To my thinking this method is far more just, fair and honorable and usually far less open to the charge of offensive egotism, arrogance and dogmatism, than is the method that hides or shelters the individuality of the writer behind that of the journal in whose name he or she speaks.

In accord with this view I nearly always sign my name or initials when writing for Lucifer's columns, and ask and expect each reader to consider whatever I may say as addressed to him or to her personally. I much prefer to regard each reader in the light of a personal friend; as one interested in the same work, the same objects or purposes to which I am devoting my time and whatever of mental and physical energy I may possess.

Pursuant to this plan I now say to each reader that for the past two months my reserve stock of physical and mental energy has been so small, so nearly exhausted, that I have been compelled to leave the labor and responsibility of editing and publishing the weekly editions of Lucifer mainly to others. Naturally this work, this responsibility has fallen chiefly upon my daughter Lillian, who as most of our readers know, has been associated with me in the publishing business for many years.

During these two months many articles have appeared in the paper upon which I much desired to comment, but consoled myself with the reflection that most of our readers know that Lucifer is not published to give voice to the opinions of one man or one woman, or of any set or coterie of men and women, but to give free expression, as far as possible, to the honest thought of many minds however divergent. Hence neither my daughter nor myself feel it necessary to see that no sentiment adverse to our own opinions, shall appear in the paper without editorial comment.

As to the future: Judging the future by past experiences of a similar nature I cannot expect to regain my accustomed health and strength without taking a vacation of some sort. Since April first I have lost about twenty pounds of flesh—from 140 to 120—and still losing. So have about decided to take the advice contained in the kindly fraternal letter printed elsewhere in this issue, and get away entirely for a few weeks, from the mental tension inseparable from the office of publication, and during this vacation will probably write very little for Lucifer's columns, and do very little mental work of any sort.

While off duty I leave, as usual, the chief responsibility

to rest on Lillian's shoulders, but would ask every reader of these lines to consider herself or himself specially invited and requested to help her, in all possible ways, to carry this load and to help her to introduce the educational work of Lucifer wherever there may be an opening. From many sources we receive words of encouragement like these—taken from the private letter of a Boston friend: "I see evidences on every side that you are making great progress in demolishing the rotten shell of hypocritical respectability," but even though rotten it still retains its shape—greatly weakened of course."

M. HARMAN.

VARIOUS VOICES.

Mrs. Celia Danzig, Herkimer, Kas.:—Enclosed find \$1 to pay for one year's subscription to Lucifer, and "The Rights of Children" by Kerr. I like Lucifer very much. I would rather do without some other necessities than without it. Although I am only in the primary department of Lucifer's school I understand enough to do me much good. I hope the editor will soon be well enough to go on with his noble work.

James F. Morton, Jr., Home, Wash.:—"Do if my sweetheart loved another?" Why, exactly what I would do, if she did not love another? She being a free and independent individual, her personal relations with others than myself are none of my business; and I should not concern myself with them in the slightest degree. This is the only possible position for one who has outgrown the shameful idea of sexual ownership. No apology for the disgusting vice of jealousy can hold water for a moment.

W. W. Carter, Kalispell, Montana:-Replying to the question in No. 917.

1. I would see that no other person should treat my wife or sweetheart with greater respect or more consideration than I.

I would study well and carefully the talents, character and disposition of the loved one, to ascertain if possible wherein he was my superior.

3. I could love her none the less because I was incapable of making her happy.

Emeline A. Prescott, Hallowell, Maine:—I enclose \$1, 15 cents of which is to pay for 40 old copies of Lucifer; remainder of money please credit on regular subscription. I want many of your books, but can't have them. I wrote some time ago that I am in years 73—earning my living with a business that pays little. Years ago made more money, then I scattered much literature through the mails and in other ways. My will is good as ever and better to help along reform. I do what I can. I have worn the "American reform dress" for forty years, and shown my colors in belief and practice. Like your father, I was very sick with grip eight weeks last winter. Am well as formerly, except tire more easily.

M. W., Conn .: - In order to help to keep the Lucifer ball a rolling, I am sending you \$2.30 for one year's subscription to Lucifer and "A Physician in the House," by Dr. J. H. Greer. My subscription is paid to 1099, but notwithstanding this fact I will advance it a little farther for I don't know that one can have too much of a good thing, and besides, by so doing I can do something to celebrate the 49th anniversary of my birth, which occurs today. It will probably be an assistance to you, else you would not make the offer, although I can't see how you can afford to offer so much value for so little money. I will give the book to a young lady friend, recently married, for a wedding present and possibly the useful information contained in the book may be of service to her. In this way I can be "killing three birds with one stone;" I can be helping you; possibly be helping her, and gratifying myself, as it is gratifying to me to be able to do a little to help Lucifer keep afloat, and it is also a pleasure to me to give something in the way of a present to anybody whom I like.

Philip G. Peabody, Boston, Mass.:—I am exceedingly sorry to hear that you are not enjoying your usual good health; I think that, if you can absent yourself from your office and home and keep perfectly contented, a change for a few weeks would do you good; and as Lucifer is so admirably managed by your daughter, I fail to see why you could not leave it without anxiety. I am taking the liberty of asking you to accept the enclosed check, as a personal gift, for any purpose for which you may care to use it; but my hope is that you will use it for your own immediate pleasure and comfort, and in taking a good rest.

Lucifer seems to be getting better and better; I heartily accord with some words of peaise I recently read of E. C. Walker: I think he is one of the wisest, most logical writers of whom I know; he seems to live and flourish on the very bedrock of truth.

Another writer who is positively brilliant in his wit and logic—with whom I am sorry to say I have no acquaintance—is R. B. Kerr; his recent "parables" on life in Jupiter, and "A Strange Custom" deserve to live forever, as illustrations of an idiocy in the twentieth century; for, indeed, the "strangeness" of the curious peoples therein related is no greater than our own. Mr. Kerr's essay a year or two ago on the "Rights of Children" was a very great work, showing marvelous powers of reasoning and analysis.

Another admirable article in Lucifer, recently was, "Who Are the Fallen?" But if I continue to even name the able, or merely the great articles recently published in Lucifer, I will have to name so many that my letter would become tiresome

A. Davison, Prairie View, Kans.; -I received a sample copy of Lucifer, and was much interested in "Hamilton and the Constitution," but cannot agree with you that the Constitution is to blame for the policies that have obtained in the administration of the government for the last forty years. The wrong has resulted from an evasion, disregard and open violation of both the letter and spirit of the Constitution. The trouble is with the fool mullet-headed people that could not see the trend of things, as any one of ordinary intelligence ought to have seen soon after the Republican party came into power. They neglected to safeguard and protect the charter of their liberties, forgot the axiom, "Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty," and listened to the idiotic rot of the "full dinner pail," and other rot on a par with it; and now they are bellyacheing around because there is no meat in their dinner-pail. I might cite many instances in which they openly and shamefully violated the provisions of the Constitution; but will only mention two or

First, the exclusion act they have applied to what they call our insular possessions; the Supreme Court has decided that they are citizens—and that they are not citizens—that's a conundrum for you.

Second, that the people cannot go anywhere they choose in their own country. But that is imperialism, to restrict their liberty is the first step to control them. The next step will be to compel them to serve a certain time in the army.

Third, the infamous monetary system they have saddled upon the country would not have been allowed by anything but a nation of mullet-heads. The case of Roberts of Utah is another in point; he was excluded on account of his religion, for which there was not a particle of constitutional ground. A man's religion cuts no figure in his qualifications for office from a constitutional standpoint. But a set of as arrant hypocrite, as ever lived, feigned a little cheap, sickly, sentimentality for effect, and to serve a purpose; when there was not one in ten of them as clean as Roberts. Don't understand that I am defending Roberts' religion or any other religion; for I am not, as I don't believe in any religion. But I do detest hypocrisy wherever found. The people have very nearly proved the Hamiltonian idea, that the people are not capable of self-government. No, no Brother Harman it's not the Constitution that is at fault, it's the mullet-headed people. What brains they have are in their stomachs, at least that is the case with a majority of them. I have decided to accept your offer of Lucifer thirteen weeks and the "Prodigal Daughter" for 25 cents, and enclose 75 cents to pay for same and other pamphlets as named herewith.

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